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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 7009 NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 31, 2011 **BILL NUMBER:** SB 216 **BILL AMENDED:** Jan 27, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Access to Child Pornography in Criminal Discovery.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

BILL STATUS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: (Amended) The bill prohibits the reproduction or removal of child pornography as part of discovery in a criminal prosecution if the state provides the defendant with the opportunity to examine the material in a state or local facility, unless the defendant demonstrates a need to reproduce or remove the material. It requires a court to impose certain restrictions on the use of removed or reproduced material.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

#### **Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) Under the bill, the court may allow reproduction of child pornography in certain circumstances, but must issue a protective order for the material. If a protective order is violated, the court may punish the indirect contempt of court with a fine, imprisonment, or both a fine and imprisonment. Fine revenue is deposited in the state General Fund.

<u>Explanation of Local Expenditures:</u> (Revised) If a protective order is violated, the court may punish the indirect contempt of court with a fine, imprisonment, or both a fine and imprisonment. The average daily cost for an inmate of a county jail is \$44 per day.

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

### **State Agencies Affected:**

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**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** 

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